MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (i) to (iv) A *statement giving the particulars required is laid on the table.

Kuruppumpadi-Kootikal road.

162. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state in view of the answer furnished to question No. 1 (*e*),(*f*) and (*g*) in the last session of the Assembly on 22-11-1937 ;

(*a*) whether any accurate estimate has been prepared and submitted to them since that date, for the extension of the Kuruppampadi-Kootikal road beyond its sixth mile (in Alwaye Division);

(*b*) if so, the amount estimated ; and

(*c*) the date when Government called for an accurate estimate of the work ;

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This question does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) 13-11-1935.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know the reason for the long delay ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : This has been sent to the Division Officer who replied that the 1st Section should be improved before any further extension is taken up.

Abolition of the market tolls.

163. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have made any statement in the Sri Mulam Assembly during the last Budget Session regarding the abolition of the market tolls on head loads and hand loads taken to the public markets ; and

(*b*) the action taken in the matter by the Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration and the question will be shortly decided.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the Government whether any decision has been arrived at with regard to this matter of the abolition of market tolls ?

MR. K. GEORGE : Sir, the matter will be decided soon.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Sir, my question is this. Let me have from the Government the reasons for the long delay of more than one year ?

MR. K. GEORGE : I confess that there was some delay on my part. I submitted a recommendation to Government only recently.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government are aware that they are being collected by the licensees of the private markets in the State ?

* *Vide* Appendix IV.

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MR. K. GEORGE: Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government whether they have any idea as to the amount so collected by the licensees of the private markets?

MR. K. GEORGE: No.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Government are aware of the Aratumood market, in Neyyattinkara taluk which was a private market collecting tols for a prety long time?

MR. K. GEORGE: Yes.

MR PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the amount that was realised at that time, per annum, as license fees for the market?

MR. K. GEORGE. Sir, it is in the Market Regulation. It is only a license fee, that is, stamp fee. Moreover it would depend upon the area of the market. I am not in a position to say whether it is below Rs. 100 per annum or not.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether that market has been taken or acquired by Government subsequently?

MR. K. GEORGE: It was handed over to the Neyyattinkara Municipality.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the amount that is being realised by the Neyyattinkara Municipality by way of tolls?

MR. K. GEORGE: Excepting the fact that they collect a larger amount than what the Government got from the private licensee, I do not know anything.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Government are aware that the amount comes up to Rs. 7,000 per annum?

MR. K. GEORGE: I do not know. I claim notice.

Failure of crops in Ohlacode.

164. ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of continuous failure of paddy crops in the locality known as Ohlacode (ഓലക്കോട്) Colachel pakuthy, Kalkulam taluk;

(*b*) whether the ryots of that place have petitioned the authorities for opening a *kal* from Amravathy to Ohlacode; and

(*c*) whether the land required for that *kal* has been surveyed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes. On account of scanty rainfall.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Sir, I may know the date when the survey was conducted?

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